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SENATE BILL 293

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDLIFE; PROVIDING FOR A REGISTERED OUTFITTER OR GUIDE TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE STATE GAME COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 17-1-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1921, Chapter 35, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"17-1-2. STATE GAME COMMISSION--APPOINTMENT--TERM.--

A. To carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts for like purpose, there is created a "state game commission" of [~~seven~~] eight members, not more than four of whom shall be of the same political party at the time of their appointment. The members of the commission shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The term of office for each member of the commission shall be four years. At the time of making the first

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1 appointments, the governor shall designate the commissioners'
2 terms as being one, two, three or four years so that the term
3 of no more than two commissioners shall expire each year.

4 B. In making appointments to the state game
5 commission, one member shall be appointed from each of the
6 following districts:

7 [~~A.~~] (1) district one: Curry, De Baca,
8 Roosevelt, Chaves, Lincoln, Otero, Eddy and Lea counties;

9 [~~B.~~] (2) district two: Catron, Socorro,
10 Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra and Dona Ana counties;

11 [~~C.~~] (3) district three: San Juan, McKinley,
12 Cibola, Valencia, Sandoval, Los Alamos and Rio Arriba counties;

13 [~~D.~~] (4) district four: Santa Fe, Taos,
14 Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding, Quay, San Miguel, Guadalupe and
15 Torrance counties; and

16 [~~E.~~] (5) district five: Bernalillo county.

17 The remaining [~~two~~] three members shall be appointed at-large.

18 At least one member of the commission shall manage and operate

19 a farm or ranch that contains at least two species of wildlife

20 on that part [~~which~~] that is deeded land requiring licensing

21 prior to legal pursuit under the provisions of Section 17-3-2

22 NMSA 1978. At least one member shall have a demonstrated

23 history of involvement in wildlife and habitat protection

24 issues and [~~whose~~] have activities or occupation [~~are~~] not in

25 conflict with wildlife and habitat advocacy. At least one

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1 member shall be a New Mexico resident outfitter or guide
2 registered pursuant to Section 17-2A-3 NMSA 1978.

3 C. The state game commission as provided in Chapter
4 17 NMSA 1978 shall have the same authority, powers and duties
5 as now vested in the state game commission by law, and each
6 member of the state game commission shall serve until [~~his~~] a
7 successor has been appointed and qualified."

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